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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

July 2007 Grand Jury

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11	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Criminal Case No. _____
12	Plaintiff,	)	<u>I N D I C T M E N T</u>
13	v.	)	Title 18, U.S.C.,
14	PETER CARLO MERTENS (1),	)	Secs. 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and (h) -
15	WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES (2),	)	Conspiracy to Launder Monetary
16	WILLIAM HAMMAN (3),	)	Instruments; Title 18, U.S.C.,
17	BETTINA THAKORE (4),	)	Sec. 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) -
18	Defendants.	)	Laundering Money; Title 31,
19		)	U.S.C., Secs. 5324(a)(3), and
20		)	Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 371 -
21		)	Conspiracy and Structuring
		)	Financial Transactions; Title 31,
		)	U.S.C., Secs. 5324(a)(3) and
		)	(d)(2) - Structuring Financial
		)	Transactions; Title 18,
		)	U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and
		)	Abetting; Title 18, U.S.C.,
		)	Sec. 982, and Title 31, U.S.C.,
		)	Sec. 5317(c)(1) - Criminal
		)	Forfeiture

The grand jury charges:

Count 1

1. At times material to this Indictment:

a. Defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS was the President, Owner, Operator, Manager, and Executive of Diamond Golf Company, Inc., Diamond Golf, and Cal State Abrasives, located in San Diego County, California.

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1           b.     Matthew Hausotter, charged elsewhere, was an associate  
2 and employee of defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS and Diamond Golf  
3 Company, Inc., and Diamond Golf.

4           c.     Ian Mahon, charged elsewhere, was a drug trafficker who  
5 had substantial cash proceeds from manufacturing marijuana plants and  
6 distributing marijuana.

7           d.     Between February 2003 to September 2004, defendant  
8 WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES was an accountant and/or bookkeeper, for  
9 defendant PETER MERTENS' companies, including Diamond Golf Company,  
10 Inc., and Diamond Golf, located in San Diego County, California.  
11 Defendant WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES signed and issued business checks on  
12 behalf of defendant PETER MERTENS' companies, including Diamond Golf  
13 Company, Inc., Diamond Golf, PMS, and PITAH.

14           e.     From 2001 to March 2005, defendant WILLIAM HAMMAN  
15 worked for defendant PETER MERTENS' companies, including Diamond Golf  
16 Company, Inc., and Diamond Golf, between September 2004 to March 2005,  
17 defendant WILLIAM HAMMAN worked as an accountant and/or bookkeeper for  
18 defendant PETER MERTENS and his companies. Defendant WILLIAM HAMMAN  
19 signed and issued business checks on behalf of defendant PETER  
20 MERTENS' companies, including Diamond Golf Company, Inc., Diamond  
21 Golf, PMS, and PITAH.

22           2.     Beginning at an unknown date and continuing up to and  
23 including July 2005, within the Southern District of California and  
24 elsewhere, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and  
25 WILLIAM HAMMAN did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each  
26 other and with others known, including Ian Mahon and Matthew  
27 Hausotter, both charged elsewhere, and unknown to the grand jury, to  
28 conduct financial transactions affecting interstate commerce, that is,

1 the issuance of business checks payable to Ian Mahon or Mahon and  
2 Company, by Diamond Golf, Inc., that were drawn on one or more  
3 financial institutions, namely Wells Fargo bank, which involved the  
4 proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, the felonious  
5 manufacturing of a controlled substance, namely marijuana plants, and  
6 distribution of a controlled substance, namely marijuana, punishable  
7 under the laws of the United States, knowing that these transactions  
8 were designed, in whole or in part, to conceal and disguise the  
9 nature, location, source, ownership and control of the proceeds of  
10 said specified unlawful activity, and knowing that the property  
11 involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of  
12 some form of unlawful activity; in violation of Title 18, United  
13 States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

14 Methods and Means

15 3. As part of and to facilitate the charged conspiracy, the  
16 conspirators, both named and unnamed, did utilize the following  
17 methods and means, among others:

18 a. Pursuant to the agreement of defendant PETER CARLO  
19 MERTENS, Matthew Hausotter, charged elsewhere, would obtain  
20 substantial bulk cash (between \$10,000.00 and \$30,000.00 at a time),  
21 which represented drug proceeds, from Ian Mahon. Matthew Hausotter  
22 would deliver substantial bulk cash to defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS,  
23 WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and/or WILLIAM HAMMAN approximately each month  
24 from February 2003 and continuing to July 2005. At the direction of  
25 defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS, Matthew Hausotter would deliver Ian  
26 Mahon's cash proceeds to defendants WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES or WILLIAM  
27 HAMMAN, the accountants or bookkeepers, at Diamond Golf Company, Inc.,  
28 or Diamond Golf, a company managed and operated by defendant PETER

1 CARLO MERTENS, in exchange for business checks in the name of Diamond  
2 Golf, Inc., or Diamond Golf, payable to Ian Mahon or Mahon and  
3 Company, for the value of the cash, minus a 7% money laundering fee.  
4 At the direction of defendants WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES or WILLIAM  
5 HAMMAN, Matthew Hausotter would instruct Ian Mahon when to deposit  
6 these Diamond Golf business checks into Ian Mahon's bank account at  
7 Bank of America, a financial institution.

8           b. Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES,  
9 and WILLIAM HAMMAN would cause and authorize the issuance of these  
10 business checks drawn on the Wells Fargo bank accounts of Diamond Golf  
11 Company, Inc. and Diamond Golf to Ian Mahon or Mahon and Company.

12           c. Defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS would also cause, direct,  
13 and authorize the issuance of IRS Forms 1099-MISC to the Internal  
14 Revenue Service and to Ian Mahon for calendar years 2003 and 2004. In  
15 2003, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES would  
16 cause the issuance of the IRS Form 1099-MISC for Ian Mahon in the  
17 amount of \$112,575.00 as "non employee compensation" with the payer  
18 name as Cal State Abrasives, LLC, one of the companies owned and  
19 operated by defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS. In 2004, defendants PETER  
20 CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN would cause the issuance of the  
21 IRS Form 1099-MISC for Mahon and Company in the amount of \$186,000.00  
22 as "other income" with the payer name as Diamond Golf Company, one of  
23 the companies owned and operated by defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS.

24           d. In order to further conceal and disguise the criminal  
25 proceeds, defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS would claim that Ian Mahon  
26 worked for Diamond Golf Company, Inc. and Diamond Golf as an  
27 independent contractor or consultant when, in fact, Ian Mahon never  
28 worked for defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS or any of defendant PETER

1 CARLO MERTENS' companies, including Cal State Abrasives, LLC, Diamond  
2 Golf Company, Inc., and Diamond Golf.

3 e. In order to further conceal and disguise the criminal  
4 proceeds, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES and  
5 WILLIAM HAMMAN, would structure and cause to be structured their  
6 financial transactions by dividing large sums of bulk cash from Ian  
7 Mahon into smaller sums of less than \$10,000.00, and depositing or  
8 cause to be deposited these smaller sums of cash in separate financial  
9 transactions over a period of time into multiple business and personal  
10 bank accounts associated with defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS.

11 All in violation of Title 18, Unites States Code, Section 1956(h).

12 Counts 2-31

13 MONEY LAUNDERING

14 1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 1 are restated  
15 and incorporated herein by reference.

16 2. On or about the following dates, within the Southern  
17 District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH  
18 FERNANDES and WILLIAM HAMMAN, and others, including Matthew Hausotter  
19 and Ian Mahon, both charged elsewhere, knowingly conducted and  
20 attempted to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate  
21 commerce, knowing that the property involved in the financial  
22 transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful  
23 activity, which transactions involved the proceeds of manufacturing  
24 marijuana plants and distribution of marijuana, in violation of  
25 Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and knowing that each  
26 of the transactions was designed in whole or in part to conceal and  
27 disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the  
28 proceeds of said specified unlawful activity:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
2	2/14/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1005) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Ian Mahon
3	2/28/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1006) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Ian Mahon
4	3/20/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1011) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Ian Mahon
5	4/4/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1013) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
6	4/25/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1020) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
7	6/6/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1066) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
8	6/17/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1082) in the amount of \$5,475.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company



<u>Count</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
9	7/16/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1125) in the amount of \$4,650.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
10	8/1/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1173) in the amount of \$9,250.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
11	8/15/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1196) in the amount of \$9,250.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
12	9/10/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#1240) in the amount of \$9,300.00 drawn on Diamond Golf Company, Inc.'s Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680029) to Mahon and Company
13	12/2/2003	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4073) in the amount of \$9,350.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
14	1/6/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4147) in the amount of \$9,300.00 drawn on Diamond Golfs' Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
15	2/6/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4185) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
16	3/8/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4232) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
17	4/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4338) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
18	5/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4339) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
19	6/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4364) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
20	7/21/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES caused the issuance of a business check (#4398) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
21	8/20/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4409) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
22	9/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4422) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company



<u>Count</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
23	10/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4425) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
24	11/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4430) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
25	12/15/2004	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4438) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
26	1/15/2005	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4442) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
27	2/15/2005	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4451) in the amount of \$18,600.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
28	3/15/2005	Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN caused the issuance of a business check (#4455) in the amount of \$27,900.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
29	4/13/2005	Defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS caused the issuance of a business check (#4467) in the amount of \$27,900.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company
30	6/9/2005	Defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS caused the issuance of a business check (#4471) in the amount of \$27,900.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Wells Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
31	6/15/2005	Defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS caused the issuance of a business check (#4500) in the amount of \$27,900.00 drawn on Diamond Golf's Well Fargo Bank Account (311-7680033) to Mahon and Company

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), and 2.

Count 32

1. At times material to this Indictment:

a. A financial institution was required to file a Currency Transaction Report (CTR) with the Internal Revenue Service for each deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency or other payment or transfer, by, through or to such financial institution which involves a transaction in currency of more than \$10,000.00.

b. A CTR required, among other information, the name, address, social security number and document verifying the identity of the person who conducted the transaction, as well as the name, address, social security number and occupation of the person on whose behalf the transaction was conducted.

c. A person "structures" a transaction if that person, acting alone, or in conjunction with, or on behalf of, other persons, conducts or attempts to conduct one or more transactions in currency, in any amount, at one or more financial institutions, on one or more days, in any manner, for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements. "In any manner" includes, but is not limited to, the breaking down of a single sum of currency exceeding \$10,000.00 into smaller sums, including sums at or below \$10,000.00, or the conduct of a transaction, or series of currency transactions, including

1 transactions at or below \$10,000.00. The transaction or transactions  
2 need not exceed the \$10,000.00 reporting threshold at any single  
3 financial institution on any single day in order to constitute  
4 structuring.

5 d. On or about December 13, 2002, defendant PETER CARLO  
6 MERTENS opened and caused to be opened bank account number  
7 (3177680029) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Diamond Golf Company,  
8 Inc., a company owned, operated, and managed by defendant PETER CARLO  
9 MERTENS. Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and  
10 WILLIAM HAMMAN were authorized signatures on that business account.

11 e. On or about July 30, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO  
12 MERTENS opened and caused to be opened bank account number  
13 (9686708208) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of PMS, LLC., a company  
14 owned, operated, and managed by defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS.  
15 Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and WILLIAM  
16 HAMMAN were authorized signatures on that business account.

17 f. On or about August 8, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO  
18 MERTENS opened and caused to be opened bank account number  
19 (9686708158) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of PITAH, LLC., a company  
20 owned, operated, and managed by defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS.  
21 Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and WILLIAM  
22 HAMMAN were authorized signatures on that business account.

23 g. On or about September 24, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO  
24 MERTENS opened and caused to be opened bank account number  
25 (3117679633) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Diamond Golf, DBA  
26 Diamante Golf, a company owned, operated, and managed by defendant  
27 PETER CARLO MERTENS. Defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH  
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1 FERNANDES, and WILLIAM HAMMAN were authorized signatures on that  
2 business account.

3 h. During the period of February 2003 to July 2005,  
4 defendant BETTINA THAKORE maintained a checking bank account number  
5 (3625703180) at Wells Fargo Bank. Defendant BETTINA THAKORE was the  
6 sole account holder and authorized signer on that checking account.

7 i. On or about May 5, 2004, defendant BETTINA THAKORE  
8 opened savings bank account number (8428213840) at Wells Fargo Bank.  
9 Defendant BETTINA THAKORE was the sole account holder and authorized  
10 signer on that savings account.

11 j. During the period of February 2003 to July 2004,  
12 defendant WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES maintained a bank account number  
13 (4760003854) at Union Bank of California. Defendant WAYNE JOSEPH  
14 FERNANDES was an authorized signer on that account.

15 2. Beginning in or about February 2003, and continuing up to  
16 and including in or about July 2005, within the Southern District of  
17 California and elsewhere, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH  
18 FERNANDES, WILLIAM HAMMAN, and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the  
19 purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United  
20 States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations prescribed  
21 thereunder, did conspire and agree with each other and with others  
22 known and unknown to the grand jury to structure and assist in  
23 structuring transactions with one or more domestic financial  
24 institutions; in violation of Title 31, United States Code,  
25 Section 5324(a)(3).

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OVERT ACTS

3. In furtherance of said conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California:

- a. On or about July 30, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS, as the owner, operator, manager, and executive officer of PMS, LLC., caused to be opened bank account number (9686708208) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of PMS, LLC.
- b. On or about August 8, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS, as the owner, operator, manager, and executive officer of PITAH LLC., caused to be opened bank account number (9686708158) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of PITAH, LLC.
- c. On or about September 24, 2003, defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS, as the owner, operator, manager, and executive officer of Diamond Golf caused to be opened bank account number (3117679633) at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Diamond Golf.
- d. Between February 2003 to July 2005, defendant BETTINA THAKORE maintained a checking bank account number (3625703180) at Wells Fargo Bank.
- e. On or about May 5, 2004, defendant BETTINA THAKORE opened savings bank account number (8428213840) at Wells Fargo Bank.

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f. Between February 2003 to July 2004, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, an accountant and bookkeeper for defendant PETER CARLO MERTENS' companies, maintained a bank account number (4760003854) at Union Bank of California.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Count 33

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 31 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Beginning at a date unknown and continuing through June 2004, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
5/17/04	3,600	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
5/17/04	9,900	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
5/17/04	9,800	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
5/17/04	9,900	Wells Fargo	PMS LLC	9686708208
5/18/04	9,900	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
5/18/04	9,900	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
5/18/04	9,900	Wells Fargo	PMS LLC	9686708208
5/19/04	9,000	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
5/19/04	5,000	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/24/04	3,000	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/24/04	4,500	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
5/25/04	5,000	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
5/25/04	4,400	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
5/27/04	4,000	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158



<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
5/29/04	5,000	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
6/1/04	6,000	Wells Fargo	PMS LLC	9686708208
6/2/04	3,500	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
6/2/04	4,500	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
6/3/04	2,000	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/3/04	2,900	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/3/04	5,900	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/4/04	5,000	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/7/04	2,500	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
6/7/04	7,500	Wells Fargo	PMS LLC	9686708208
6/8/04	4,000	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
6/8/04	2,000	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
6/10/04	8,000	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
6/11/04	8,000	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854
6/30/04	5,500	Union Bank	Wayne Fernandes	4760003854

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

#### Count 34

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. In July 2004, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring, of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
7/26/04	5,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/26/04	1,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/28/04	3,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/30/04	1,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/30/04	1,200.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 35

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. In August 2004, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring, of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
8/28/04	1,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/28/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/31/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/31/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/31/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
8/31/04	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a) (3) and (d) (2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 36

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. In November 2004, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
11/8/04	5,000.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
11/10/04	4,500.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
11/15/04	5,000.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
11/17/04	4,600.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a) (3) and (d) (2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 37

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. In February 2005, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and WILLIAM HAMMAN, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring, of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
2/7/05	6,000.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
2/9/05	3,400.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
2/14/05	6,600.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633
2/15/05	2,700.00	Wells Fargo	Diamond Golf	3117679633

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 38

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. From April 2005 to May 10, 2005, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring,

of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
4/18/05	2,003.00	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
4/19/05	2,400.00	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
4/19/05	2,007.00	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
4/22/05	2,000.07	Wells Fargo	PITAH LLC	9686708158
5/5/05	2,500.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/5/05	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/9/05	3,012.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/9/05	3,003.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/9/05	3,020.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/10/05	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
5/10/05	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

#### Count 39

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. In June 2005, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring, of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
6/1/05	2,800.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/1/05	2,300.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/1/05	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/2/05	1,300.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/5/05	2,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/5/05	3,400.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/5/05	3,200.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/5/05	2,900.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/5/05	2,500.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 40

1. The allegations made in paragraph 1 of Count 32 are restated and incorporated herein by reference.

2. From June 2005, to July 5, 2005, within the Southern District of California, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS and BETTINA THAKORE, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5313(a), and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did structure, assist in the structuring, and attempt to structure and assist in the structuring, of a transaction, with one or more domestic financial institutions, as set forth below, as part of a pattern of illegal activity involving more than \$100,000.00 in a 12-month period, as more particularly described below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
6/16/05	2,500.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/16/05	1,000.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/27/05	3,020.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/27/05	3,609.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/29/05	2,070.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	8428213840
6/29/05	2,800.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/29/05	2,500.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
6/29/05	1,906.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180



<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CASH DEPOSIT</u>	<u>FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT HOLDER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>
6/30/05	2,400.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/5/05	3,200.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180
7/5/05	2,306.00	Wells Fargo	Bettina Thakore	3625703180

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

#### FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

##### A. MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENSE

As a result of committing the offenses charged in Counts 1-31 of this indictment, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, and WILLIAM HAMMAN, shall, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), forfeit to the United States all property, real and personal, involved in the aforesaid offense and all property traceable to such property, including but not limited to the following:

1. \$500,000.00 in United States currency, in that such sum in aggregate is property which was involved in the aforesaid offense, for which the defendants are jointly and severally liable.

2. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants -

- a. Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of this Court;
- d. Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. Has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

B. STRUCTURING AND CURRENCY REPORTING OFFENSES

As a result of committing the offenses charged in Counts 32-40, defendants PETER CARLO MERTENS, WAYNE JOSEPH FERNANDES, WILLIAM HAMMAN, and BETTINA THAKORE shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 31, United States Code, Section 5317(c)(1), all property, real and personal, involved in the aforestated offenses and all property traceable to such property, including but not limited to the following:

1. \$500,000.00 in United States currency, in that such sum in aggregate is property which was involved in the aforesaid offense, for which the defendants are jointly and severally liable.

If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants -

- a. Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of this Court;
- d. Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. Has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

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1 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 31,  
2 United States Code, Section 5317(c)(1)(B), and Title 21, United States  
3 Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said  
4 defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

5 DATED: February 19, 2008.

6 A TRUE BILL:

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9 Foreperson

10 KAREN P. HEWITT  
11 United States Attorney

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13 SHERRI WALKER HOBSON  
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